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FOR THE PRESIDENT FROM THE SECRETARY.

"DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR THE KIND WORDS AND GUIDANCE CONTAINED  
IN YOUR MESSAGE.

WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BRITISH, FRENCH AND GERMAN FOREIGN  
MINISTERS, I SHALL BE SEEING GROMYKO ALONE AT HIS VILLA THIS  
AFTERNOON. BEFORE DOING SO, I WILL HAVE ANOTHER MEETING  
WITH MY COLLEAGUES BUT I BELIEVE IT IS PROBABLE THEY WILL  
AGREE TO THE SUGGESTION OF A THREE WEEK TO ONE MONTH RECESS.  
THE RUSSIANS ARE NOW TRYING TO CORRECT OUR INTERPRETATION  
OF THEIR LATEST PROPOSALS AS A THREAT, BUT WITHOUT TOO GREAT  
SUCCESS. I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO IMPRESS GROMYKO WITH OUR GENUINE  
FIRMNESS RESPECTING UNILATERAL ABROGATION OF OUR RIGHTS,  
BUT AT THE SAME TIME TO INDICATE WE STILL HAVE HOPES OF  
WORKING OUT A SATISFACTORY INTERIM SOLUTION ON BERLIN AFTER  
A RECESS. I WILL COMMUNICATE WITH YOU AGAIN IMMEDIATELY  
AFTER MY CONFERENCE WITH GROMYKO.

FAITHFULLY,  
SIGNED: CHRIS."

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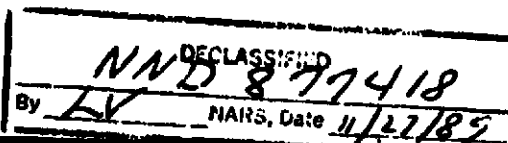
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